

## It Is Unlawful

The following acts are unlawful by statute. They are listed here for your information. Please consult Title 36, Idaho Code, for exact wording and complete listing.

### It Is Unlawful:

- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request of a conservation officer.
- To fail to stop and report at check stations that have been established to inspect licenses and fish and game.
- To put any substance not attached to a hook into the water for the purpose of attracting fish (chumming).
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish.
- To catch any part of another person's bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish unless a statement signed by taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission rule.
- To use chemicals, poisons or explosives in attempting to catch or destroy fish.
- To waste game fish.
- To sell fish without a permit.
- To take or attempt to take a salmon by snagging, or to keep a salmon that has been snagged. A salmon that is snagged must be released immediately, unharmed back into the water.
- To keep a salmon hooked in any part of its body other than the mouth or jaw.

**Possession and Ownership**—All fish that are hooked, landed, and not immediately released shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.

### Do salmon naturally return to the Boise River?

No, but they used to. Dams cut off the Boise River from salmon migration long ago. The 2004 fishery is on surplus hatchery fish that have been transported to the Boise River to provide fishing opportunities.

There are enough hatchery fish this year to provide for hatchery and research needs and still support limited sport harvest in the Boise River. These salmon are transported to the Boise River from the Hells Canyon trap site. Fish trapped there were reared at Rapid River Fish Hatchery, then released in 2002 or 2003 as 4-6" smolts that traveled to the ocean. This hatchery is owned and funded by Idaho Power Company and is mitigation for salmon habitat lost during the construction of the Hells Canyon complex of dams.

Please see rules for salmon seasons on the Lochsa, South Fork Clearwater, mainstem Clearwater (including North and Middle forks), Snake, Little Salmon, and Lower Salmon rivers for additional information.

Consult the 2004-2005 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other rules relating to all fishing.

*The information contained in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission pertaining to the taking of spring chinook salmon in the Boise River for the calendar year 2004. The official rules are available from the Division of Statewide Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720 and may be reviewed in some libraries.*

### COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS

Salmon in Idaho produce eager anglers and crowding. You can help make your outing and everyone else's more enjoyable by being courteous.

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# IDAHO 2004 Boise River

## Chinook Salmon Season & Rules



### Licenses and Permits

Resident Fishing License .....	\$ 23.50
Nonresident Fishing License (Season) .....	\$ 74.50
Nonresident Jr. Fishing License (Season) .....	\$ 12.50
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License (includes a 3-Day Permit) .....	\$ 28.50
Salmon Permit (License Required) ....	\$ 11.50

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## General Information

### Licenses, Permits

Everyone, except those expressly exempt, must have a valid fishing license and salmon permit in possession to fish for salmon, except Free Fishing Day, June 12, 2004.

Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase either a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon License to fish for salmon.

In order to qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.

Children under the age of 14 (*including nonresidents*) are exempt from purchasing salmon permits. They may fish without permits if they are accompanied by a valid permit holder, provided that any fish kept must be recorded on the permit holder's card and counted in the permit holder's legal bag and possession limit. Any resident child under 14 may purchase a permit so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon. Any nonresident child may purchase either a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit or a 3-Day Salmon License to fish for salmon so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon.

### 2004 Salmon Fishing Rules For the Boise River

**Chinook Salmon:** Adult anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage and the Clearwater River drainage (excluding lakes and the North Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam), and the Boise and Payette River Drainages.

**Jack Salmon:** Adult chinook salmon under 20 inches in total length are commonly called jack salmon.

**Permits:** Any person fishing for or harvesting chinook salmon must have a valid salmon permit in possession. However, when a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

**Permit Validation:** When a chinook salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- A. Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- B. Look up the number code from the location code list and write it in the space provided; and
- C. Enter in the space provided, the month and day the fish was caught.

*For example, a chinook kept from the Boise River on July 5 would be entered as:*

FISH BIRD	MONTH DAY	LOCATION CODE	MONTH DAY	LOCATION CODE	FISH BIRD
1	7/5	S 28			20
2		P		F	21
3		R		A	22
4		I		L	23
5		N		L	24
		G			

#### RIVER LOCATION CODE

Boise River ..... 28

*See Season for full description  
of fishing boundaries*

**Fishing Hours:** Fishing for chinook salmon in the Boise River is permitted 24-hours a day during the designated season.

**Snagging:** During any open salmon season, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in, its mouth.

#### Methods of Take

- A. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- B. Fishing prohibited after attainment of limits. Once an angler has attained his bag, possession or season limit on those waters with salmon limits, he must cease fishing for salmon, including catch and-release fishing.

## Special Rules

- A. It shall be unlawful to fish on any waters while having fish in possession which violate rules for those waters.
- B. No person shall have in the field or in transit any chinook salmon from which the head or tail has been removed. (Unless the fish has been commercially processed.)

## Season

- **May 26 through September 6.**

The following water is open to fishing for chinook salmon during the period listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for chinook salmon unless opened by Commission action.

**Boise River** from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam.

## Limits

**Daily Limit and Possession Limit:** For the Boise River is 2 chinook salmon per day, 6 in possession. Jack salmon must be counted in the daily, possession and season limit and recorded on the salmon permit.

Possession limit does not refer to the season limit. "Possession Limit" shall apply to fish while in the field or being transported to the final place of consumption or storage.

**Season Limit:** The statewide season limit is 20 chinook salmon for all waters combined. All salmon harvested statewide must be included in the statewide season limit.

### DON'T LITTER (It's the law!)

It is against Idaho law to leave fish entrails and other debris such as fishing line, egg sacks, packaging wrappers, cans and bottles, cigarette butts, etc. along streambanks! Anglers' litter is the most frequently cited reason landowners refuse access to some of Idaho's premium fishing spots. Please carry a litter bag to dispose of trash properly.